

EXHIBIT NO. 2--LETTERS FROM JAMES EARL RAY TO JUDGE BATTLE

Exhibit 2-A. Letter of March 13, 1969

Exhibit 2-B. Letter of March 26, 1969

3-13-69

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform the honorable court that that former Hamilton Ad. party pamphleteer is no longer representing me in any capacity. My reason for writing this letter is that I intend to file for a post conviction hearing in the very near future and don't want him wasting my legal money unless there is no court help.

Sincerely,
James Earl Ray

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J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK
BY [Signature] D. C.

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Hon. Judge W. Preston Ballou
Judge of the Criminal Court
Memphis, Tennessee.

I would respectfully request this court to treat this letter as a legal notice, of an intent to ask for a reversal of the 99 year sentence petition received in a prosecution case. I understand on one avenue of appeal, I have only 30 days in which to file a notice to have previous sentence set aside. That is the appeal route to which I address this court.

I also would like to bring to the attention of the honorable court, that Mr. Percy Foreman, the attorney who was supposed to be representing me on this charge, still is in open court.

Mr. Foreman since he "Mr. Foreman" was receiving no funds to help prepare case for trial and had to sue that he should be required to use his own funds, he requested court to appoint counsel to help defray costs. The court appointed public defender to investigate case and assist Mr. Foreman.

Now, Mr. Foreman said in open court he did not want, or expect to receive, a cent for his efforts.

I think from Mr. Percy Foreman's statement to the press that he had a contract from me and Mrs. William B. Harris, "representing" the case for \$400,000 and that he was now to receive \$150,000, should lay to rest the whole thing. Mr. Foreman told the court.

Exhibit # 3

Three; 2, James E. By in turn, has not previously received,
a card from Mr. Wilbur B. Hviz.

My only reason for bringing the aforementioned facts to
the attention of the court is that I would respectfully
move that the court appoint attorneys, or the public defender,
to assist me in the proceeding, I have no stakeholder,
nor have I received any funds from any source to engage
counsel.

petitioner wish the word "assist", as I hereby request
the court, that I be personally present at the hearing, and
to assist court appointed counsel so that their honor
repetition of Mr. Perry Johnson actions.

Respectfully

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I, JAMES A. BLACKWELL, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DATE WHICH APPEARS AT THE TOP OF THIS LETTER, ON THE FIRST PAGE, WHICH HAS BEEN OBLITERATED BY PUNCHING THE HOLE FOR INSERTION OF THIS LETTER IN THE JACKET, IS 3-26-69.

J. A. BLACKWELL, CRIMINAL COURT CLERK

Witness
James H. Stone

DATE
April 16 1969

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BY [Signature] D. C.

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